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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 2-17 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 is canceled. Claims 1-5 and 9-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Eng et al. and Surazski. In addition, claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Eng et al., Surazski and Lakshman. With regard to claim 1, this ground for rejection is obviated by the cancellation of that claim. The rejection of claims 2-9 is overcome by amending these claims to depend from allowed claim 17. Because claim 17 is not subject to rejection in view of the cited references, claims 2-9 are also not subject to rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 2-9.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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